



**Treasurer's Report:** Jan Ratcliffe read out the Treasurer's Report, outlining where Covid funds have been provided from HQ and equipment purchased for use by the committee, including a new microphone and renewal of the Zoom licence.

**Event Officer's Report:** Sarah Jones read out the Events Officer's Report, where she expressed thanks to West Midlands RIBA who hosted the branch event in Wolverhampton.

All reports will be distributed following the AGM.

### **Election of Officers:**

The posts of **Chair** (Imogen Wood), **Secretary** (Barbara Johnson), **Treasurer** (Jan Ratcliffe), **Events Officer** (Sarah Jones), **Membership Officer** (Charles Shapcott), **Education Officer** (Devinder Matharu) and **Publicity Officer** (Rachael Parry) were uncontested, and all officers stood for re-election. They were voted unanimously to remain in post as a group.

Proposed by: Vicky Hunn    Seconded by: Mary Worsfold

**Vice Chair:** Rachael Parry elected unanimously.

Proposed by: Jan Ratcliffe    Seconded by: Sarah Jones

**Branch Representative on the National Committee:** Ben Williscroft elected unanimously.

Proposed by: Ed Higgins    Seconded by: Barbara Johnson

**Newsletter Officer:** Roseanne Eardley elected unanimously, subject to confirmation of her willingness to take up the post.

Proposed by: Ben Williscroft    Seconded by: Sarah Jones

### **AOB**

1. **2024 Summer School Bursaries:**

Five bursaries of £100 are available for those attending the Reading 2024 Summer School.

2. **2025 Summer School:**

West Midlands branch have been asked to consider hosting the 2025 Summer School. Sean O'Reilly and Jude from IHBC support attended the last in-person committee meeting at Attingham Park to discuss this. The AGM was an opportunity to discuss this with those in attendance. The Branch were in favour of taking this to the next level, and need to give HQ suggested places with good transport networks, sufficient accommodation and meeting space for about 120 people, with good heritage projects to visit. Possible locations are:

- Wolverhampton
- Shrewsbury
- Stoke
- Coventry
- Warwick

HQ will come up with the theme and do all the IT work, and provide any additional assistance the branch request.

Rachael Parry proposed that if we host the 2205 Summer School, we ask for volunteers to join a Summer School subcommittee.

**3. Chartership:**

Ben Williscroft noted the IHBC AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> April intends to vote on Chartership.

**4. Next West Midlands Branch meeting:**

19<sup>th</sup> June at Weston Park, South Staffs. Barbara Johnson to email further details and Eventbrite invitation in early April.